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§5-3B-21.

- (a) (1) Consent of a parent may include a waiver of rights to notice of:
 - (i) the filing of a petition under this subtitle; and
 - (ii) further proceedings under this subtitle.
- (2) Consent to adoption under this subtitle is not valid unless the consent:
 - (i) is given after the prospective adoptee is born;
 - (ii) is given in a language that the party understands;
 - (iii) if given in a language other than English:
 - 1. is given before a judge on the record; or
 - 2. is accompanied by the affidavit of a translator stating that the translation of the document of consent is accurate;
 - (iv) contains an express notice of:
 - 1. the right to revoke consent, at any time within 30 days after the consent is signed;
 - 2. the search rights of adoptees and parents under § 5-3B-29 of this subtitle and the search rights of adoptees, siblings, and parents under Subtitle 4B of this title; and
 - 3. the right to file a disclosure veto under § 5-3B-29 of this subtitle;
 - (v) except as to an adoption by a spouse of the prospective adoptee's parent or a relative of the prospective adoptee, states that the parent has been advised of the parent's rights to:
 - 1. have independent counsel; and

2. receive adoption counseling and guidance;

(vi) states whether the parent chose to have or not have counsel or counseling; and

(vii) is accompanied by an affidavit of counsel appointed under § 5-3B-06 of this subtitle stating that a parent who is a minor or has a disability gives consent knowingly and voluntarily.

(b) (1) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a parent may revoke consent at any time within 30 days after the parent signs the consent.

(ii) A parent may not revoke consent for adoption of a prospective adoptee if:

1. in the preceding year, the parent has revoked consent for or filed a notice of objection to adoption of the prospective adoptee; and

2. the child is at least 30 days old and consent is given before a judge on the record.

(2) A prospective adoptee may revoke consent at any time before a court enters an order of adoption under this subtitle.

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